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MATERIAL IN AQUEOUS SOLUTION AND  
AGRICULTURAL FORMULATION  
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Reference AF (EP 201417 B1) on page 1 of the attached Forms PTO-1449, is written in French. The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the claims on pages 37-42, which are written in English. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims provide an explanation as to the reference's relevance.

Reference AL (FR 2397444) on page 1 of the attached Forms PTO-1449, is written in French. Applicants note that US Patent No. 4,191,680 (Reference AB on page 1) is a related patent that claims identical priority as FR 2397444 and is written in English.

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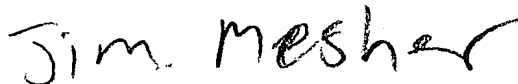


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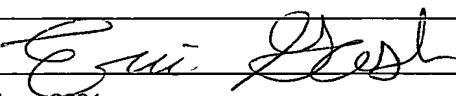
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